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A DAMSEL IN DISTRESS

An enemy of ruthless and powerful noblemen who would usurp the English crown, beautiful headstrong heiress Katherine de Montrain is forced to marry for her own protection-vowing to wed but never to submit to her handsome virile guardian, Lord Damian Montjoy.

A DASHING KNIGHT

An ally of the notorious Robin Hood, Lord Damian has dedicated his life to the fight against tyranny and injustice. But his most hard-fought battle will be for the conquest of Katherine's defiant heart.

A TIMELESS LOVE

For only by taming his rebellious bride can Damian shield her from the dangers of a near-lawless land. And only by teaching her the ways of passion can he hope to quench the flames of desire that ravage his soul.

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Martina says

This is hands down the best romance novel I have ever read.

Caroline says

I worried this would be stupid and completely unbelievable, but it was actually quite believable. It has enough fable woven with fact to make it believable and enough charm to make it a wonderful story!

Linda says

I love a good book and romance being part of it! Old England books seem to be one of my favorite readings!! Great book!!!

Shannon says

I don't know how I get myself into these books anymore. I used to love historical romances when I was younger, but now...not so much. It has to be the right moment and the right author. The problem is that I am a little OCD and I can't have a book sit around my apartment for too long and go unread. I am not exactly sure how this book ended up in my apartment in the first place, but I suspect it was something to do with the free book cart at the local library and the similarity between my name and the author. I also think that I read a book by this author in the past and enjoyed it, so there you go...the perfect storm. At any rate, the book was ok. It had many of the usual romance themes: mistaken identity, love/hate heroine/hero relationship, evil villain, etc. Perhaps if I had been in my historical romance heyday it would have earned more than two stars, but as it is that is all I can muster. I guess I would recommend it to those who never read an historical romance they didn't love or fans of the Robin Hood myth.

Pamela says

Rated 3.5

Marli Azevedo says

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Megan says

Enjoyable historical romance book. Not one of Shannon Drake's best, but fun. I'm not sure if I would re-read it... but then again I don't remember specifics.

Pam Knox says

A cross between legend of Robin Hood, The Pink Carnation, and Taming of the Shrew. Yuck.

Ryan says

This is a reprint of the book by the same title but originally released under the name Shannon Drake. I am surprised that I didn't read it back then I was reading everything by Drake. This is not quite a retelling of Robin Hood, but about his helpful accomplice the Lady of Greensleaves and the Silver Sword. The Silver Sword has known for years who the Lady Greensleaves really is, and is surprised when King Richard gives her and her lands in marriage to help retain the English throne. From then, nothing is as easy as it should be. When Katherine finds out that she is to be wed to Damian Mountjoy she is less than thrilled. Years ago, when Katherine attempted to "rob from the rich" Damian fought back and gave her a spanking. And now all she remembers of Mountjoy is how evil and horrible he is: how he will probably demand obedience in his wife, and will probably back it up with his fists. This is a fun story and while typical of the historical romance genre, it is toughly enjoyable.

Rachel says

I got this book for free via Net Galley. This in no way at all affected my review or my opinions, which are my own. Thank you.

Okay, so everybody knows how I loved Scarlet, right? The tale of how she begins to love Robin Hood and who she really is. It's set from the tale of Robin Hood and Lady Marian, his love. Well, when I requested this one from NG I was thinking okay, another Robin Hood related book. Not the case. It's the story of Katherine de Montrain, Kat, an heiress with a castle and Lord Damian Montjoy, a knight who rides with King Richard in the Crusades.

Kat is forced to wed for her own protection against an evil man who wants her. She, however, despises Montjoy, though he seduces her. It's one of those stories where lady hastowed--doesn't want to love husband--falls in love with husband--has to betray husband to save his life. This book had the potential to be so much more, to be so much better. I expected so much more from it.

It is related to Robin Hood. Kat is the Lady Greensleeves and Damian is the Silver Sword, who saves both their lives one day and the life of Kat's father. It is this act, that propels Kat into the role of helping Robin. But she's ultimately a woman and an heiress and must play the role of women of her time. I wish Drake/Graham had written more on this roles, on how they were a legend, rather than their romantic

relationship. That's what I was looking for.

And Damsel in Distress did not live up. I'd like to mention how it was riddled with ellipses, exclamation marks, and modern day English when it's set in medieval times. The action scenes were so confusing that I had a hard time following them. The betrayal was set up poorly. And I think Damian should have told her he loved her long before he actually did. It would have solved so many problems between them. Also, there's no white horse in this novel! (I know it's very miniscule, but I'm seriously bugged by it)

Overall, I didn't like this book, because it's very cliché. However it was my first ebook on NG so I'm proud that I finished it. I'm proud that I got on NG even though I really don't like ebooks (no it's not that I don't like them, it's that I like print so much better). If ebooks are the new thing, that I'm jumping in. I do have plans to get either a kindle or a nook for my birthday:)

Regan Walker says

Robin Hood, Knights Templar and Romance, Oh My!

Set in 12th century England (mostly, though there are scenes in the Holy Land), in the reign of King Richard the Lion Heart and his brother, Prince John, this is a romance that will win your heart.

Lord Damien Montjoy, one of Richard's faithful knights who would help the king retake Jerusalem, and one day return to England to be lord of his own castle, is rewarded by Richard for his valor with the adjoining lands of Lady Katherine ("Kat") de Montrain--and with the hand of the lady herself. Richard also wants Montjoy to secure the north of England from the wiles of his brother John. Ah, but there are legends about the forests there...Robin Hood, Little John, Friar Tuck, Lady Greensleeves and the Silver Sword!

Prince John would give Kat's hand to the evil de la Ville who will pay him richly as John is ever in need of funds. The Silver Sword, a man who once saved her father's life, arrives to save Kat from de la Ville and deliver her to Montjoy, but then the Sword takes her innocence (the way I read it, it's a forced seduction). Kat is a strong and beautiful young woman...in fact, the Lady Greensleeves herself! While she weds Montjoy, she is not happy about it as he is a nemesis from her youth. Kat hates all the men in her life: the King, Montjoy and the Silver Sword. Could she ever love such a man? ("Never!") Does she love the Silver Sword after their night of intimacy? ("No!")

But all will come right and the legends will have their day. This is really a dreamy romance with rich characters and great action. Shannon Drake (aka Heather Graham) always delivers a romance you can't put down. I only wish she had written this one as a part of a series as I did not want it to end. I recommend it.

Shirlene says

Katherine de Montrain was eight and hunting with her father and thirteen yr. old cousin, Rob, when they encountered other noblemen in the forest of their property. These other men were with Raymond de la Ville. Raymond de la Ville had trapped a peasant boy and cut off his arm for stealing food and were preparing to

hang the father. Kat's father intervened, fought off and freed the peasants with help of some archers hiding in the forest. The archers were led by their neighbor from Clifford Castle, Lord Damian Montjoy, dressed as whom the peasants called the Silver Sword. Rob swore that he would learn to use a bow and arrow to protect others as well as the Silver Sword when he was grown. He called Kat by the nickname of Lady Greensleeves. Kat bandaged up the boys arm the best she could so that he would survive and sent them on their way.

When Katherine was eighteen, she was dressed completely covered in green to blend in with the forest colors. She was known throughout the area as Lady Greensleeves. She fought for the peasants and helped her cousin, Robin of Lockley (Robin Hood), to prevent the local nobles from stealing food and money from the village people. On this particular day, the group was prepared to attack the nobles that were in the party of Montjoy. They attacked and Katherine was caught. Damian recognized her but did not let on. He told her that she needed to be more careful of who she attacked and of her willful attitude. He then proceeded to spank her and let it appear as if she escaped from him. She was humiliated and ceased to participate in the attacks herself but continued to supply information to Robin in the forest.

A couple of years later, Prince John was trying to take over the country and decided that Katherine's land would be a wise acquisition and agreed to let Raymond de la Ville marry Katherine. King Richard had heard some of what John was doing and sent Damian Montjoy home to marry Katherine. In the meantime, Prince John and de la Ville had approached Katherine about marrying de la Ville and Katherine didn't protest too much because she thought that she would be given an engagement period and that the wedding would never take place. King Richard would interfere and she would not have to go through with the wedding because she was his ward. de la Ville decided to take things into his own hands and kidnap Katherine. Damian arrived in time to rescue her from de la Ville, once again returning dressed as the Silver Sword. He spent a couple of days with her in the forest trying to get to know her before they were wed without letting her know that he was Montjoy. Damian ended up sleeping with her that night.

At the end of the second day, he turned her over to Montjoy, not knowing that he was the Silver Sword, to be wed. Katherine was furious but Damian forced the wedding to proceed and the dowager queen, Eleanor showed up for the wedding. Prince John and de la Ville arrived to burst in on the bride and groom. Damian had tried to get Katherine to admit to who she had slept with before the wedding but she refused to tell. Damian cut his wrist for there to be blood on the sheets when they were seen together in bed. The prince and de la Ville were furious and discontent but left the next day.

They stayed in her home for a few weeks and Damian was frustrated at times for not being able to find Kat. He found out from Robin that Kat had a tunnel from her room into the forest and that she was still delivering information about Prince John's activities to him. Damian decided to move Katherine into his home to prevent her from getting into more trouble. Katherine arrived at his home to discover another woman in his chambers. Affa had followed Damian home from the war with King Richard and Damian didn't know that she was there.

King Richard had been captured and there was a ransom demanded for his freedom. Prince John made arrangements to remove some of the weapons and gold from the local church so that it could not be used to pay the King's ransom. Maid Marion was with the Prince's men when Robin Hood attacked the wagon. The twelve men that were not killed, along with Maid Marion, were taken prisoner and joined Robin's band. Prince John decided to attack Robin in the forest along with his army. Katherine took it upon herself to warn him and left Damian's home to tell him. She got to Robin's home in the forest and Marion told Kat that the Silver Sword and Damian were the same person. Damian was furious and a bit frightened when he learned of Kat being in the forest with a war about to begin. Kat decided to get back at Damian and captured him and took him to the same place that the Silver Sword had slept with her. He got loose when Marian came looking for them both to tell them that Robin had returned home.

Damian sent Kat home but she was overtaken by de la Ville. Affa dressed as Kat and led Damian into a trap where he was also captured. de la Ville then killed Affa when she was no longer needed.

Damian was tied up in the castle basement and Kat went to him, praying he was conscious and told him

where the tunnel entrance was into their bedroom. Kat's maid and another older seer sent home with him by King Richard found Damian. Damian sent them to get Robin and he went to his chambers through the tunnel. As de la Ville proceeded to rape Kat, Damian made his whereabouts known to de la Ville. They fought and Damian killed him. They escaped as they did with the first kidnapping attempt, by jumping into the castle moat. Kat was pregnant this time...

Robin and Kat's maid were waiting when they were coming out of the moat. Damian's men along with Kat's people and Robin's, all were waiting to rid Katherine's home of Prince John and de la Ville's men. Damian told Katherine that he loved her and she admitted that she loved him too.

Kat had a son and a few years later a daughter. The children grew up proud of their parents and with the stories of what they had done to protect their lands. The children were told that King Richard liked to fight for what he felt belonged to him and that Prince John was his heir and there would be no other. There might come a time where he would have to serve John as a knight to protect England but they had reached an understanding and that he would never bow to John. Michael needed to be careful in the words he chose because he might get himself in trouble in the future for saying the wrong thing.

Susan Laine says

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